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* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change.
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Two-Month Calendar
See back for February 2009
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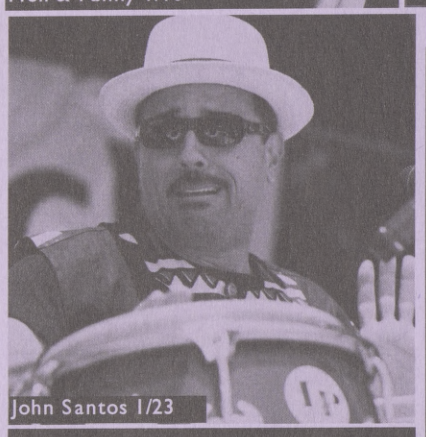
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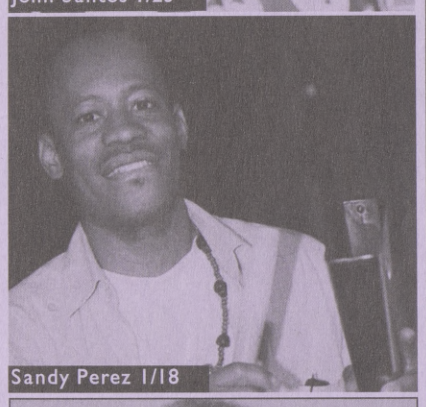
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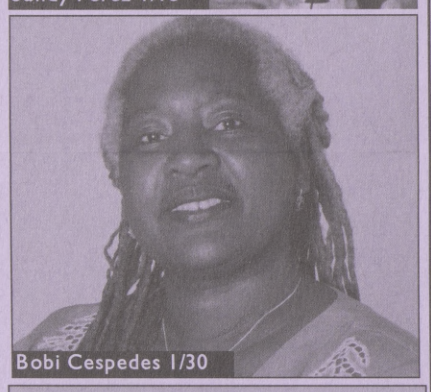
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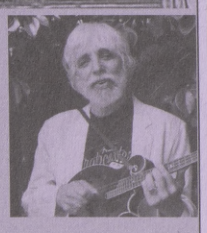
Saturday Morning Kids Shows
10:30am Adults $5, Kids $4, Family Pass $12

Saturday, Jan. 3: **Paul Silveria** performs as the banjo-slinging, old-time singing *Professor Banjo* with sing-a-longs and dancing games, as well as lively old-time music that parents can enjoy too!

Saturday, Jan. 10: **Earthcapades** Circus arts, storytelling, music, and comedy are skillfully woven with environmental learning to enthrall audiences of all ages.



Saturday, Jan. 17: **Gerry Tenney** Always a La Peña favorite, Gerry's shows are always a great event for kids young and old. Don't miss it!

Saturday, Jan. 24: **Abby & the Pipsqueaks** perform dance and interactives songs. Their recent CD was winner of the Parent's Press award.

Saturday, Jan 31: **Joe Reilly**. From mammals to amphibians, the water cycle to tomatoes, Joe Reilly teaches kids about the importance of the environment through music.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CAFE & CULTURAL CENTER CLOSED *Feliz Año Nuevo! Your generous support allows La Peña to fulfill our mission of promoting peace, social justice and cultural understanding through the arts, education and social action. Please donate securely online at: www.lapena.org*	**2** CAFE & CULTURAL CENTER CLOSED TODAY **CELEBRATE THE 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution.** Two days: **Saturday, January 3 & Sunday, January 4.**	**3** PAUL SILVERIA 10:30AM Celebration of the Cuban Revolution **Saul Landau** summarizes 50 years of revolution, highlighted by his film clips of Fidel and Cuba from the 60s to the present. Local Cuba activists will have tables with Cuban literature, art and crafts and will take part in a Q&A panel; mayors of local sister cities will give messages of greetings, and more. Evening will conclude with Cuban music and dancing, featuring DJ Emiliano Echeverria. **7:30pm $10**
SUNDAY	**WEDNESDAY**	
4 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION with taiko drums and a Shisa lion, Tsukimi Kai challenges the blockade of Cuba. Their film, *"Under the Same Moon"*, chronicles their cultural exchange and interviews in the Japanese Cuban community. The evocative award-winning film, *"Man of Two Havanas"*, will also be screened. Local groups will take part with tables and discussion. **7pm $8** (No one turned away)	**7** IN CAFE SCIENCE CAFE 7-9PM FREE FILM **Last Chance for Eden** A documentary by *The Color of Fear* director **Lee Mun Wah**, about nine men and women who examine the impact of racism and sexism in their lives, relationships, workplace and communities. **7:30pm $5**	**8** HIP HOP Support The Oakland-based, Hip Hop powerhouse **BRWN BFLO** as they premiere their groundbreaking Music Video "The Reappearance" (Directed by Samm Styles) Performances, Art show, Q&A. **8pm $5 donation** No one turned away
9 CAFE OPEN CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH & FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING WWW.LAPENA.ORG	**10** EARTHCAPADES 10:30AM **Celtic & Flamenco Dance & Music** Puerto Rican singer & composer **Meli Rivera** teams up with Flamenco dancer **Fanny Ara** for a night of Celtic & Flamenco dance & music. Tonight we celebrate two cultures in an encounter of different traditions with some common roots. A cultural encounter worthy of a night to remember. **8:30pm $12**	
11 CONCERT **The Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of S.F.** Musicians ages 10 -18 perform Latin jazz classics and original compositions. The LJYE has shared the stage with legendary performers such as the great Cuban bassist, Cachao; piano virtuoso Chuchito Valdes; and the Grammy Award-winning Spanish Harlem Orchestra. **7:30pm $10 gen.** **$8 students, $5 kids 12 & under**	**14** FUNDRAISER **The People for President: Inaugurate This!** Join Bay Area collective of visual and performing artists as they fundraise to attend Barack Obama's inauguration as Artistic ambassadors representing peace, art, and culture from the bay. The only democracy is a people's democracy and we are the ones we've been waiting for. **8pm $5-$50 sliding scale***	**15** CONCERT **Tamika Nicole** A funky, rocky, blues-style exploration of life-lessons learned while GenXers try to balance their lives, social concerns, and spiritual beliefs as they work to achieve their dreams. **8pm** **$12 gen. $10 students w/ID**	**16** CONCERT / DANCING **Dgiin** Dgiin is a band with a unique style encompassing various cultures and influences and songs sung mainly in French. The Flamenco-Django-esque band puts on one memorable show accessible to all types of tastes and ages. Their energetic performances draw a lively crowd that can dance all night. A show not to be missed! **9pm** **$10 gen. $8 students w/ID**	**17** GERRY TENNEY 10:30AM Havana Dance Party! **Los Boleros** An evening of tropical Latin beats and traditional melodies that will not only provoke your passion for music but compell you to dance. **9:30pm** **$10 gen. $8 students w/ID**
18 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM CONCERT Afro-Cuban music **Sandy Perez y Su Lade** Enjoy this performance of traditional Afro-Cuban folkloric music & dance directed by Ramon "Sandy" Garcia Perez, of the world famous *Villamil* family of *Matanzas*, who is joined by special guests. **7pm $15 adv. $20 gen.**	**21** CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM FREE BENEFIT EVENT **West African Music Concert: A benefit for Master Drummer Abdoulaye Diakite** Enjoy an evening of wonderful music and dance performances. All proceeds will go towards Abdoulaye's family and his recovery needs. **8pm $10-$20 sliding scale***	**22** BENEFIT EVENT A Benefit for **Nadra Foster** A party and celebration to raise legal defense funds. Join the KPFA Unpaid Staff Organization for an evening of music, comedy & performance to raise funds for the KPFA programmer hurt and charged with multiple misdemeanors after the police were called in to enforce a *"banning."* **7pm $20-$35 sliding scale***	**23** LATIN JAZZ CONCERT An evening of original compositions **The John Santos Sextet** A musical journey through jazz and Caribbean rhythm with some of the Bay Area's most creative instrumentalists and composers led by four-time Grammy-nominated, US Artists Fontanals Fellow, John Santos. **8:30pm $12 adv. $14 dr.**	**24** ABBEY & THE PIPSQUEAKS 10:30AM An Evening of Song and Story **Linda Hirschhorn Gary Lapow** These two seasoned Bay Area performers have been writing songs for over 30 years. They'll share old and new compositions. Linda will also read from her memoir *"Running Into Myself"*, and Gary will summon up Coney Island in song and projected images. **8pm $12**
25 CAFE LOBBY TARDEADA 3-6PM MEXICAN MUSIC JAM SESSION CONCERT with **Pat Wynne & Bev Grant** A bicoastal summit meeting of soulful solidarity, satire, celebration, hope, & harmony, with two topical songwriters: the director of the *Brooklyn Women's Chorus* (& founder of NY's *The Human Condition*) and the director of the *Bay Area Rockin' Solidarity Labor Chorus*. **8pm $10-$15 sliding scale**	**28** VIDEO **The Twoness of Oneness** A companion video by Andrea Young from the latest book of epigram by the same title written by Thomas Farber. **7:30pm $10*** No one turned away for lack of funds	**29** CONCERT **Joe Reilly** is a singer and songwriter who uses his fun and creative music to bring people together across lines of race, age, class, gender, and religion. Hailing from Michigan on his second West Coast tour, Reilly looks forward to his return to La Peña where he will be joined by Bay Area drummer O. Andrew Schreiber. **8pm $10-$15 sliding scale**	**30** CONCERT CD Release & Birthday Party for **Bobi Céspedes** Celebrate the release of Bobi Céspedes' new CD, *"Patakin"*. Enjoy danzones, sones, rumbas, boleros, and original music with Bobi, joined by Jose Roberto Hernandez (guitar), Sandy Perez (percussion), Lichi Fuentes & Eric Rangel (vocals), Marco Diaz (piano), Saul Sierra (bass), and Roberto Razon (tres). **8pm $15 adv. $20 dr.**	**31** JOE REILLY 10:30AM Contemporary Cuban Son **Pellejo Seco** With their Experimental *Son Cubano*, they skillfully blend blues, rock, jazz, flamenco, and hip-hop, with the unmistakable sound of Cuban Son. **9:30pm** **$10 adv. $13 dr.**

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LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Theater: Jan. 1–Jan. 30, 2009. Photos by **Richard Steven Street**
Bearing witness to the realities of life and labor in the fields of California since 1975, these images survey the hard truths of what it means to be a farmworker today. What we see here is the reverse side of globalization. While other industries relocate abroad to exploit cheap labor, California farmers have long benefited from their own version of an imported peasantry. Here is the human cost of cheap food.

Theater: Feb. 4–Mar. 29, 2009. El Centro Histórico: Street Photography of Mexico City. A series of b&w photos by artist and photographer **Ilona Sturm** whose photography looks at the nuanced layersof vernacular culture that one finds in contemporary urban public spaces.

Lobby & Café: Jan. 5–Feb. 28, 2009. Women of the Americas Series: Paintings and etchings by Colombian-born, **Delfina Bernal**. Bernal, who studied at the *Escuela de Bellas Artes* at Barranquilla and the *Parsons School of Design* has been hailed as part of a generation that played an important role in forging new roads in contemporary Colombian Caribbean art.

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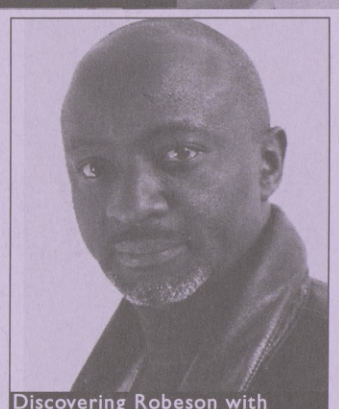
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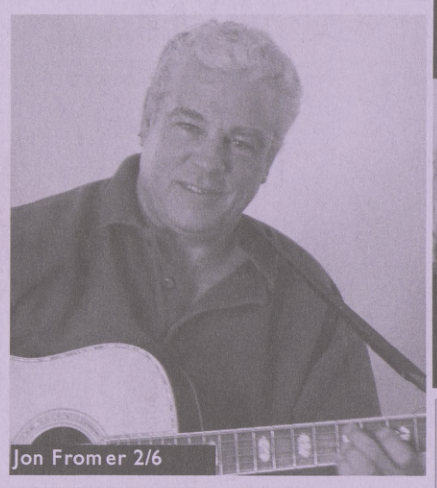
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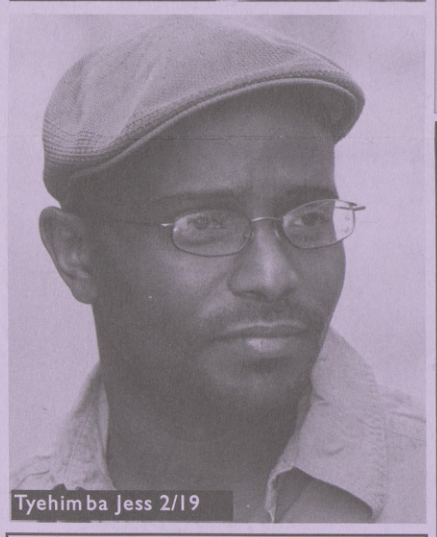
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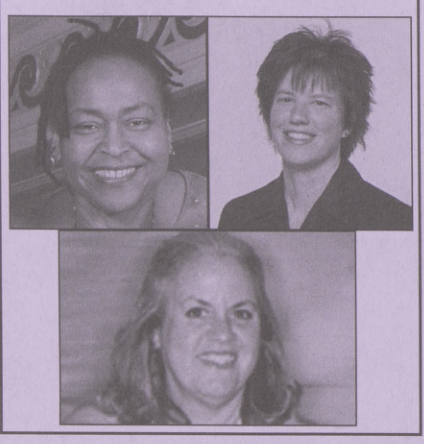

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1 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM Pat Parker Allstar Memorial Tribute A musical tribute to Pat Parker. Visit the website: www.lapena.org for tribute participants. 7pm $10-$15	**4** CAFE LOBBY CAFE SCIENCE 7-9PM FREE COMMUNI-TREE NEWS NETWORK A night of interdisciplinary arts, performance, visionary speakers, film & mixed media dedicated to cultural, environmental & spiritual upliftment. 8pm $15 gen. $12 students w/ID*	**5** SPOKEN WORD Verbobala Spoken Video & special guests Hailing from Mexico City and Tucson, Verbobala combines Spanglish spoken word and multiple live video projections to create what national newspaper La Reforma calls *"a poetry written without letters."* Special Bay-Area guests will also perform. 8pm $10 gen. $8 students w/ID	**6** BENEFIT EVENT Vukani Mawethu, Jon Fromer Bernie Gilbert Pat Wynne and others, perform to benefit Concerned Listeners of KPFA. 8pm $15 donation*	**7** GARY LAPOW 10:30AM Concert/Dance Chus Alonso and Potaje Ensemble present the music on their new CD "Flamenco Cat" at La Peña. The first set, in concert format, will be followed by a dance party. 8pm $12 adv. $14 dr. $7 kids 12 & under.
8 DISCOVERING ROBESON **Tayo Aluko** recounts how he was first introduced to the great singer, actor and civil rights activist, and how he came to write and perform his play about Robeson in venues from the U.K., the U.S. and recently in Nigeria. Tayo will feature readings and songs from various drafts of the play, some old favorites and some not so well known. There will also be a post-show discussion. 7pm $12 adv. $15 dr.	**11** NEW CLASS SESSION La Peña offers free and low cost arts workshops for youth and adults. visit www.lapena.org for more info.	**12** HIP HOP JAM SESSION Truth Be Told Dynamic featuring Kimiko Joy and Rico Pabon Live Hip Hop and spoken word. Bring your lyrics or instruments for the open mic/jam session at the end of the night. 8pm $5 (Check www.lapena.org for free emcee workshops with Rico Pabon)	**13** DANCE/BAILE ¡Tito y su son de Cuba! playing authentic Cuban dance rhythms *rumba, guaracha* and *son montuno*. 9pm $12 gen. $10 students w/ID	**14** ORANGE SHERBERT 10:30AM 14th Annual Love Fest Aya de Leon's alternative Valentine's celebration featuring Aya's new acapella/spoken word ensemble & Poetry for the People! 8pm $12 adv. $14 dr. (possible second show, see lapena.org) Fight Prop 8 & support same sex marriage Marry yourself before the show! 6:30pm $5
15 BENEFIT Join us in remembrance of Enrique Carreras a *La Peña Rumba* regular and humble mentor to many. Performers include ***John Santos, Sandy Perez,*** and many of the top musicians, dancers and singers of the Latin musical traditions of the bay area. All proceeds will go to Enrique's young family. 7pm $15 gen. $7 kids 12 & under Additional donations welcome.	**18** DANCE Sol'Jibe World rock for the gypsy soul served with electric violin, saxophone, and a *picante* latin zest. Come get your dance on with a sound that is often described as the Dave Matthews Band meets the Afro-Cuban All Stars. 8pm $10 gen. $7 students w/ID	**19** POETRY June Jordan's Poetry for the People presents: Poetry in the Community A multi-generational poetry conversation, featuring National Poetry Series prizewinner **Tyehimba Jess**, Poetry for the People poets, and special guests! Hosted by **Aya de Leon.** 7:30pm $10 ($5 students/yth/sr/disabled)	**20** SONGS & IDEAS Kicking off *La Peña's Political Art Series* Holly Near sings & talks about her songwriting, integrating perspective on craft and political context. She will speak about her 2007 trip to Chile and her work with *Sing Out TheVote Chico! Fall 2008 tour.* Holly brings a wealth of experience, humor & wisdom from her years in cultural work. *(See 2/21 for details on workshops with Holly)* 8pm $15 adv./dr. Tix available at www.lapena.org	**21** UNCLE EYE 10:30AM *Inspired Expression: Writing/Public Speaking/Songwriting* Workshop with singer/songwriter/activist, ***Holly Near.*** 2:30pm, $10, more details & registration at www.lapena.org Uruguayan carnival music at its best! Urubanda Candombe music from Uruguay under the direction of Edgardo Cambon & Walter Gonzalez plus the Candombe drummers of Lonjas del Golden Gate, & special guests. 8pm $13 adv. $15 dr.
22 CAFE LOBBY TARDEADA 3-6PM MEXICAN MUSIC JAM SESSION Private Event in Theater	**25** CAFE OPEN Advance Ticket Information Advance sale tickets are available for a **SELECT** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org. Advance tickets DO NOT guarantee a seat. People with special needs should call (510) 849-2568 ext. 20 Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.	**26** CAFE OPEN LA PEÑA WISH LIST • Mac laptop with wireless • PC laptop with wireless • Clean carpet with sealed edges, 10'X12' for the kid's programs • Shure 58 & 57 mics • Typewriter	**27** MANGOS W/CHILI PRESENTS WHIPPED: QTPOC **recipes for love, sex, and disaster** Showcases of reflections and experiences of queer and trans love, sex, and desire in color. Featuring solo and collaborative work in the forms of theater vignettes, love letters/songs/confessions, video diaries, dance, movement, and more. (Material is adult in nature) 8pm $10-$15 sliding scale	**28** OCTOPRETZELS 10:30AM Women Drummers International's Born to Drum with Linda Tillery, Carolyn Brandy & Ojalá, & Michaelle Goerlitz. Join Linda Tillery, percussionist Carolyn Brandy and her ensemble Ojalá (Elouise Burrell, Regina Wells, Sue Mathews, Ava Square-Lavias, and Annette Acosta), and Michaelle Goerlitz. Benefit for the *Born to Drum Women's Drum Camp 2009.* 2 shows: 6:30pm & 8:45pm $18 adv. $20 dr*

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June Jordan's Poetry for the People

presents Free poetry workshops led by P4P Alumna

Ananda Esteva

author of the poetry book *Pisco Sours*, co-author of June Jordan's Poetry for the People: *A Revolutionary Blueprint*

Wednesdays, starting February 4th 6:30-8:30pm in classroom one. FREE!

This workshop welcomes everyone, from beginners to experienced poets, including P4P alumni!

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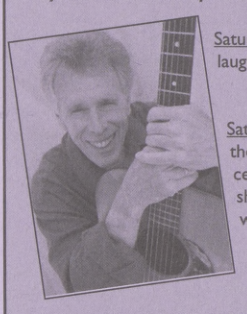
Saturday Mornings Kids Shows

10:30am. Adults $5, Kids $4, Family Pass $12.

Every Saturday morning remember to turn off your TV, get your coffee early, and bring your kids to experience and participate in our lively and educational programs.



Saturday, Feb. 7: **Gary Lapow.** Great entertainment for the entire family. Come sing and laugh along with Berkeley's hilarious and inspiring children's music star.

Saturday, Feb. 14: **Tamsen and Jill of Orange Sherbet** are celebrating the start of their 9th year together at a La Peña show for a Valentine's Day weekend family celebration! Scat some love songs on your way to the show & warm up those pipes for some sing-alongs. www.orangesherbet.org

Saturday, Feb. 21: **Uncle Eye & The Strange Change Machine** -the full fledged experience-interactive wacky family fun! Dance and sing with the Coconut King, become a chocolate zombie, and free the chickens!

Saturday, Feb. 28: The **Octopretzels** return for another engaging morning family concert featuring original songs plus folk favorites and puppets too.

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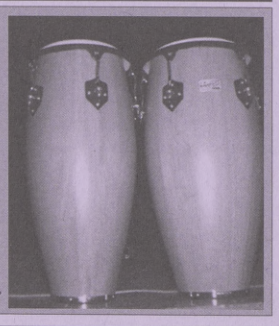

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Support La Peña!

During these times of economic uncertainty, individual contributions can make a significant difference in La Peña's annual programming. Please make a donation to support our plethora of: educational events, concerts, exhibits, children's programs, classes, and community fundraisers. No amount is too large or too small! Every donation counts!

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